

REMARKS

Applicant hereby traverses the current rejection, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal in light of the remarks contained herein. Claims 21-45 are indicated as having allowable material. Claims 21-45 are pending in this application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 21-45 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,678,155.

In response, Applicant has included with this Response, a Terminal Disclaimer that is believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(b). Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 21-45 include allowable subject matter.

For all the reasons given above, the Applicant submits that the pending claims distinguish over the prior art of record. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that this application is in full condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the below listed attorney if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10990474-3 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: March 10, 2006

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV482725194US, on the date shown below in an envelope addressed to: MS AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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